


**REMARKS**

The Notice of Allowance mailed December 3, 2008, has been received and its contents carefully noted. The present amendment is submitted under 37 CFR § 1.312 in order to correct minor typographical matters in claim 24. Specifically, claim 24 has been amended to recite wherein a thickness of the ~~second~~ first interlayer insulating film is 1/5 to 1/50 of a total thickness of the first interlayer insulating film and the second interlayer insulating film. The Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments are merely clarifying in nature, and should not in any way affect the scope of protection afforded the claims for infringement purposes, particularly, under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

The amendment is believed to be needed for clarifying or correcting minor obvious errors, for proper disclosure of the invention and do not require a substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office. Should it be deemed necessary that a Petition be filed in order to authorize the above requests, the Applicant respectfully requests that the present Request be treated as a Petition and that any necessary fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2280.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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